



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Don Bradway

Hayden, ID 83835

RE: MUR 7362

Dear Mr. Bradway:

The Federal Election Commission reviewed the allegations in your complaint received on April 10, 2018. On August 16, 2018, based upon the information provided in the complaint, and information provided by the respondents, the Commission decided to exercise its prosecutorial discretion to dismiss the allegations as to Michael Snyder for Congress, and Michael Snyder, as treasurer, and close its file in this matter. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on August 16, 2018. A copy of the General Counsel's Report, which more fully explains the basis for the Commission's decision, is enclosed.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003) and Statement of Policy Regarding Placing First General Counsel's Reports on the Public Record, 74 Fed. Reg. 66132 (Dec. 14, 2009).

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(8).

Sincerely,

Lisa J. Stevenson  
Acting General Counsel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff S. Jordan", is written over the typed name of the Assistant General Counsel.

BY: Jeff S. Jordan  
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosure  
General Counsel's Report

**BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

**ENFORCEMENT PRIORITY SYSTEM  
DISMISSAL REPORT**

**MUR: 7362**

**Respondents: Michael Snyder for Congress  
and Michael Snyder, as Treasurer  
("the Committee")<sup>1</sup>**

**Complaint Receipt Date: April 10, 2018**

**Response Date: April 25, 2018**

**Alleged Statutory  
Regulatory Violations:**

**52 U.S.C. §§ 30102(c); 30104(a), (b)  
11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a)(4)**

The Complaint alleges that the Committee failed to properly itemize contributions that it received. Specifically, the Complaint alleges that the Committee itemized only \$8,608.47 of the \$33,892.46 in total contributions disclosed on its 2017 October Quarterly Report, and only \$21,272.89 of the \$36,549.31 in total contributions disclosed on its 2017 Year-End Report. Respondents acknowledge the high percentage of small contributions to the campaign, but maintain that each contribution has been reported, and state that the FEC has information for each small-dollar contribution.<sup>2</sup>

Based on its experience and expertise, the Commission has established an Enforcement Priority System using formal, pre-determined scoring criteria to allocate agency resources and assess whether particular matters warrant further administrative enforcement proceedings. These criteria include (1) the gravity of the alleged violation, taking into account both the type of activity and the amount in violation; (2) the apparent impact the alleged violation may have had on the electoral process; (3) the complexity of the legal issues raised in the matter; and (4) recent trends in

<sup>1</sup> Snyder was a 2018 candidate for the 1st Congressional District of Idaho.

<sup>2</sup> The Committee's campaign finance reports during the 2017-2018 election cycle itemize contributions in increments as small as \$10. See Michael Snyder for Congress 2017 October Quarterly Report at 6, available at <http://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/839/201710119075608839/201710119075608839.pdf>. Respondents assert that the Complaint does not allege that the Committee incorrectly reported the total amount of contributions raised on any of its reports, but simply speculates that there must be violations among the many unitemized contributions.

potential violations and other developments in the law. This matter is rated as low priority for Commission action after application of these pre-established criteria. Given that low rating and the lack of further information supporting the allegations, we recommend that the Commission dismiss the complaint consistent with the Commission's prosecutorial discretion to determine the proper ordering of its priorities and use of agency resources.<sup>3</sup> *Heckler v. Chaney*, 470 U.S. 821, 831-32 (1985). We also recommend that the Commission close the file as to all respondents and send the appropriate letters.

Lisa J. Stevenson  
Acting General Counsel

Kathleen M. Guith  
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Date

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Deputy Associate General Counsel

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<sup>3</sup> The Reports Analysis Division advised us that the manner and ratio in which the Committee reported unitemized and itemized contributions would not trigger an RFAI or a referral to the Office of General Counsel or the Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution.